

Remarks

Claims 11-19 are currently pending in the Application.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to Claims 16-19.

Summary of claim amendments

This response amends Claim 1 to recite "a second conducting layer symmetric about a vertical center line" instead of "a second conducting layer." Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 2a-2h and on pages 5-7 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

This response amends Claim 15 to recite "a width" instead of "the width." No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection

Claims 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Na (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0017680A1). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Examiner is reminded that "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131 quoting *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co, of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The Examiner is also reminded that "[the] identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." MPEP 2131 quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicants submit that Na does not teach each and every element as set forth in the rejected claims. In particular:

Claim 11

Applicants submit that Na does not disclose, suggest or teach, *inter alia*, the following features recited by amended Claim 11 of the present application:

“a second conducting layer symmetric about a vertical center line”
(emphasis added)

The Examiner asserts that “a second conducting layer” as recited in Claim 11 is disclosed by Na’s layer 36.” See page 2, section 3 of the Official Action. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s assertion.

According to Na, the layer “36a” is not symmetric about its vertical center line. Se Figure 5I of Na. Specifically, the top right portion of the layer “36a” extends farther over the layer “34” than the top left portion of the layer “36a.” Further more, the top right portion of the layer “36a” contains a recess while the top left portion of the layer “36a” does not.

Applicants submit that Na does not teach, disclose or suggest “a second conducting layer symmetric about a vertical center line” as recited in amended Claim 11, because layer “36a’s” top right portion is not the same the layer “36a’s” top left portion. Hence, Claim 11 is patentable over Na and should be allowed by the Examiner. Claims 12-15, at least based on their dependency on Claim 11, are also believed to be patentable over Na.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any other issues requiring resolution.

Conclusion

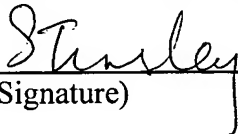
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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